add seven lakh telephone lines in Delhi and Bombay by the end *ot* current year;

(b) if so the detail thereof with amount involved in it;

(c) whether Government have some plan for mobilisation of funds for the project;

(vi) if so, the details thereo and if not, the reasons thereto-;

(e) whether Government propose to draw similar plan for some other important cities of country like Hyderabad etc; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH BAM): (a) and (b) A target of providing 4 lakh new telephone connections has been fixed for Delhi arid Bombay in the Annual Plan 198445 and an outlay of Rs. 986 crores has been earmarked for this purpose. Efforts are also being made to lease additional swit-ching equipmenlt for reducing the backlog of waiting list.

(e) Yes Sir.

(d) The Plang are being financed through internal resources, market borrowing and leasing.

(e and (f) During 1994-95 Annual Plan 14 lakh telephones are planned to reduce the waiting list in the country including important towns like Hyderabad. However in the B4-95 Annual Plan 54080 lines of net switching capacity is planned for Hyderabad. Efforts are also being mage to lease another 2000O lines of switching equipment to reduce the waiting list further.

**StapIMeatien o*f* Telephone Shifting Kales**

891. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request to simplify rules regarding shifting of telephones;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether earlier shifting of tele-phony connections within same exchange was within powers of Exchange authori-ties without any involvement of Commercial authorities;

(d) if so the details thereof; ;

(e) whether Government propose to revive, the earlier procedure in the matter; and

(f) if so, the detail there ofand P not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However Department has issued instructions permitting the shifts of telephones if their dates of registra-tion have been covered in the exchange area where are resulted to be shifted or Ifor telephones provided under OYT if they have worked for a period of atleast six months in the exchange area from where the are requested to be shifted.

In case of telephone connections pro-vided under Tatkal category local shift-ing is permitted without any condition.

(c) to (f). Yes Sir. However, DBs incharge of exchange area are being re-authorised to execute the local shift within the same exchange area.

**Setting *up* of Telecom Microwave Transmitters in Andhra Pradesh**

892. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Telecom Microwave Transmitters have been set up at several places in Andhra Pradesh during thre last three financial years;